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## **Governor Jan Brewer: Arizona now the Nation's 2nd-Largest Solar Market**

*Installed More Utility-Scale Solar than Any Other State in 2012*

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today celebrated news that Arizona ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally in terms of solar installation, according to the 2012 U.S. Solar Market Insight Report from the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA). Even more impressive, more utility-scale solar technology was installed in Arizona over the last year than in any other state.

The annual SEIA report shows a striking increase in photovoltaic (PV) system installations in Arizona, growing from 273 megawatts worth of power installed in 2011 to 710 megawatts in 2012. Arizona now has edged out New Jersey for the number two slot, and trails only California in solar production.

“One thing is for sure: Arizona has earned its title as our nation’s ‘Solar Capital,’” said Governor Brewer. “Thanks to our pro-business policies, year-round sunshine and highly-trained workforce, Arizona continues to climb as a national and global leader in solar manufacturing and technology. Today’s report is cause for celebration.”

Nationally, solar installation grew by 76 percent over the last year. There are now more than 300,000 operational PV systems throughout the country, and the SEIA forecasts continued growth in 2013. Notably, the United States installed 11% of all global solar systems in 2012 – our country’s highest market share in at least 15 years, according to the report.

Arizona is presently working on three major utility-scale projects. Agua Caliente Solar, near Yuma, is currently generating 250 megawatts. When completed in 2014, it will be the largest solar photovoltaic (PV) project in the world at 290 megawatts. Mesquite Solar PV complex, west of Phoenix, is expected to generate 150 megawatts by later this year, and could expand to 700 megawatts upon completion.

Finally, Solana Generating Station, near Gila Bend, will be completed in 2013. Once fully operational, the 280-megawatt project will be one of the largest concentrating solar power systems in the world.

To view the full SEIA report, visit: [www.seia.org/research-resources/us-solar-market-insight-2012-year-review](http://www.seia.org/research-resources/us-solar-market-insight-2012-year-review).

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